



Saint Matthew-in-the-City

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 31st July 2011

Processional Hymn

Sing praise to all that has offered us life and sustains us -
All that has opened our hearts to the love borne within us:
Family and friends,
Beauty we see without end -
Gifts that our lives lay before us.

Sing praise to all that has opened our minds to new vistas -
All that has called us to seek out new truths through the ages:
Vision and word,
Music that sought to be heard
These are the gifts that will mould us.

Sing praise to minds that will fashion our bold new tomorrows -
Yesterday's wisdom released from its dogma and credos.
Evermore free
to live out what we believe
Walking the path that Life hallows.

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Tune: 'Lobe den Herren', 14 14 4 7 8. 111 TiS

Hope is as welcoming as a smile, as comforting as kindness, and as vulnerable as Jesus. Today we gather in this beautiful place to rekindle hope. Here beauty, music, and prayer combine. Here we meet God in our thoughts, our dreams, and our neighbour. Here we find hope.

Pain and darkness, violence and brokenness
Where is our hope and salvation?

God is here, unfolding from each of us.
Let us rejoice in song and word and deed.

This is what God asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly upon our earth.

God of grace, in whom we live and move and dance for joy, guide our steps through the complexities of life; widen our vision that our sight be not limited by what we see, nor our wisdom by what we know, nor our love by what we can accept. Amen.

The Gloria

Glorious are you, Mystery of Life,
essence of all creation.
You are the symphony of stars and planets.
You are the music of the atoms within us.
You are the dawn on mountain peaks,
the moonlight on evening seas.
Forest and farm, the rush of the city,
everything is embraced in your love.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ,
Cosmic love in human flesh.
You graced the smallness of time and place
to teach us to dance to the music.
You walk on our seas and heal in our streets.
You make your home in our lives,
revealing that cross and resurrection
are one on the road to freedom.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth,
wisdom and breath of our being.
You are the wind that sweeps our senses.
You are the fire that burns in our hearts.
You are the needle of the inner compass,
always pointing to true North,
guiding us on the sacred dance
into the Mystery of Life.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Words: Joy Cowley

The Summary of the Law

Hear the teaching of Christ:
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us pause in silence, being aware of God within,
between and beyond us.

Please sit for private prayer

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

**Gracious God, give us the wisdom to hold what we
need, grace to let go of those things that we can do
without, and a vision of your breadth, height, and
depth that will challenge our smallness of heart,
and bring us humbly together.**

Priest

Spirit of God hold us, Spirit of God move us, Spirit
of God burn within us, so that we may light up the
world with your love.

The Sentence and Prayer of the Day

*“Isn’t it the greatest tragedy, when one wrestles with
God, not to be defeated?”*

Simone Weil (Gravity and Grace, English translation 1952)

Together we pray

**Hidden God, your wisdom compels our love and
unsettles our security; may we find you at the end
of all our wrestling, and even know you face to
face in the Christ who meets us in the most
surprising ways, and stirs in us this prayer of
hope. Amen**

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 32:22-31

Hear what the Spirit might be saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

**These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven,
*these are our care.***

**Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
*these are our prayer.***

**Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
*these are our care.***

**Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
*these are our prayer.***

**Cities where the young roam restless
Lives brought to deep despair,**

**homeless and powerless people,
*these are our care.***

**Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
*these are our prayer.***

**All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs,
*these are our care.***

**Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
*this be our prayer.***

*Words: Colin Gibson
Music: Kaikoura, Colin Gibson*

Source: FFS 63

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew,
chapter fourteen, beginning at verse thirteen.

Shine on our pathways.

Matthew 14:13-21

This is the Gospel of Christ
May we hear wisdom.

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Mozart

The Prayers of the People

Priest: Let us pray for those far and near, people and
places, powerful and powerless, all for whom we are
concerned

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace

The Peace

Peace be with us all
With justice comes peace.

Let us build peace together
And change our world.

The Offertory Hymn

**In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.**

*For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe
I praise and thank you
for this here and now.*

**In halting song and word
the music of your voice is heard.**

For the love that I receive . . .

**Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.**

For the love that I receive . . .

**Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.**

For the love that I receive . . .

*Words: Colin Gibson
Music: Freeland, Colin Gibson*

The Preparation of the Gifts

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share. May we learn to give
generously, receive graciously and judge not those
who do neither.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit is here.
God's hope is in us

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the God of peace
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our
journey with Jesus and his disciples. We renew our
unity with one another, and with all those who have
gone before us in this place. We renew our
communion with the earth and our interwovenness
with the broken ones of the world.

We take bread, symbol of labour, symbol of life. We
will break the bread because Christ, the source of
life, was broken for the excluded, exploited and
downtrodden.

We take wine, symbol of blood, spilt in war and
conflict; symbol too of new life. We will drink the
wine because Christ, the peace of the world,
overcomes violence.

Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of
our meals, our working, our talking; the story that
shapes us: the grieving and the pain, the oppressor
who lies deep in our own soul, the seeking and the
loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us
together.

Therefore, with the disciples, and with all the faithful
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever
praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Bless the One who comes in the power of love.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

On the night before he died Jesus took bread; when he
had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples
and said:

*Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do
this to remember me.*

After supper he took the cup; when he had given
thanks he gave it to them and said:

*Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings
new life; do this as often as you drink it, to remember
me.*

**Break the bread for freedom. Pour the wine for
justice. Celebrate this meal for all the world – a
meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared among
us.**

Spirit of God you are here, come to us afresh.

May the bread that we eat bind us across the world
with those who can not. May the wine we drink fortify
our resolve to share with those who have not. May the
power of love move us to work with those who know
it not. May the justice of Jesus become a reality that
all people can eat, drink and be sustained by. May that
reality come, and may we be a part of its coming.

United in the power of love with all who stand for
justice, we worship you, O God, in songs of
everlasting praise.

**Blessing, and honour and glory be yours, here and
everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

**E to matou Matua i te rangi kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e
pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki to
rangi. Homai ki a matou aiane he taro ma matou
mo tenei ra. Murua o matou hara, me matou hoki e
muru nei, i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou. Aua
hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia; engari
whakaorangia matou i te kino: Nou hoki te
rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia, Ake, ake,
ake. Amine.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the power of hope.
**We who are many are one body, for we all share
the one bread.**

We sing three times:



The Invitation

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of
communion.

*There is a chalice for dipping - simply hold the bread in
front of you to signify your choice.*

Te Taro, o te Ora. *The Bread of Life*

Te Kapu o te Ora. *The Cup of Salvation*

Music during Communion

Salvator mundi

Palestrina

Lord, I Trust Thee

Handel

Prayer after Communion

Filled with a Spirit that calls us and the entire world
beyond what we ever thought was possible, we leave
this table strengthened with food for the journey and
a vision of life as it can be; one diverse family, living
in justice and peace. **Amen.**

**Eternal Spirit,
Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Final Hymn

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in our faith
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
Creator, now be given,
Jesus, and she who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

*Words: M Rinkart 1586-1649
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1829-78.
Music: Nun danket alle Gott. J Crüger 1598-1662*

Source: TiS 106

Liturgist from rear of Church

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.
Amen. We go in the hope of Christ.

Organ Voluntary

Concerto for Solo Organ in Eb 1st mvt (MCWB)

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